

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 12, 2010. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 13 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 13 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant and his undersigned attorney thank Examiner Sarpong for his courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during interviews conducted by telephone on May 3, 2010 and May 5, 2010. The Patent Office was also represented by Supervisory Examiner King Poon. Applicant's Statement of the substance of the interview follows.

At the interview on May 3, 2010, Examiner Sarpong suggested amendments to further emphasize the differences between the independent claims and the applied art. In particular, Examiner Sarpong suggested amending the claims to further specify how the projecting portions are plastically deformed, and to further specify how manipulation of the screw affects the imaging process.

At the interview on May 5, 2010, Applicant's undersigned attorney proposed specific amendments along the lines of those submitted herewith. Examiner Sarpong tentatively indicated that such amendments would overcome the rejection, although a new search would be needed to be conducted.

Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 13 have been amended in accordance with the agreements made at the interviews.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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